

**Governmental Affairs Committee  
Organization Meeting  
March 30, 2005 – 3:00 p.m.  
Tribal Office Board Room**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Chairperson Laurie Boivin called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. Those present: Kathy Kaquatosh, Ben Kaquatosh, Bob Lansing and Lisa Waukau (late). Those absent: Stephanie Awonohopay and Jeremy Weso. Also present: Rita Keshena and John Wilhelmi.

**2. Moment of Silence-**A moment of silence was observed.

**3. Election of Officers-**

Chairperson Boivin opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to nominate Stephanie Awonohopay as Vice-Chairperson. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

Since there were no other nominations, **Stephanie Awonohopay is the Governmental Affairs Committee Vice-Chairperson.**

Chairperson Boivin opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to nominate Kathy Kaquatosh as Secretary. Motion was seconded by Bob Lansing. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

Since there were no other nominations, **Kathy Kaquatosh is the Governmental Affairs Committee Secretary.**

**4. Review Committee Bylaws-**

Committee made several little changes to the bylaws with the help of Rita Keshena.

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to approve the bylaws of the Governmental Affairs Committee as amended. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

**5. Discuss/Action Ordinance 82-10-**

Rita Keshena has been working on the proposed changes to 82-10 but Chairperson Boivin stated that Tribal Chairman Chapman wanted the changes that pertains to Kenosha right away and that the committee will work on Rita's

changes at a future meeting. John Wilhelmi gave the committee the changes and explained them. John informed the committee that the changes should go to the next Menominee Tribal Legislature meeting for 1<sup>st</sup> Consideration.

**Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to approve the amendment to Ordinance 82-10 and send forth to the Menominee Tribal Legislature for approval with the stipulation that the Ordinance 82-10 Menominee Tribal Preference be one document and no amendments that are added to it, it should be written as one document. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 3-for, 0-opposed, 3-absent. Motion carried.**

**6. Discuss Future Agenda Topics-  
Lisa Waukau arrived at 3:35 p.m.**

Committee members went over the following items to decide whether or not they need to be on future agendas.

1. **Prescription Plan Changes**-Already went to MTL and acted on.
2. **Posting Ordinance 80-6**-Chairperson Boivin will speak to Michael Chapman.
3. **AFLAC Discussion**-Ben informed the committee there is still an issue and should be discussed.
4. **Ordinance 79-15 Enrollment**-Chairperson Boivin will ask Michael Chapman what needs to be done with the ordinance.
5. **Flag Use Policy**-Jeremy was working on the issue.
6. **Requests for Proposals.**
7. **Judgment Fund Interest**-The committee was supposed to come up with a policy or guidelines for use but Rita stated that the use is all spelled out and she will list all the uses.
8. **Complaint Procedure**-This will be a future agenda item.
9. **Discuss Campaign Finance Disclosure Ordinance**-Michael Chapman was working on this issue.
10. **Ordinance 95-04 Tribal Government Plan**-Needs to be discussed because there are certain departments that need to be moved around.
11. **Rules of the Legislature**-Committee members thought Michael Chapman was working on the final document.
12. **Personnel Policies & Procedures**-A special meeting will need to be set.

Committee went into a lengthy discussion regarding the Rules of the Legislature and Rita Keshena thought that the Legislature themselves should review/change the document. Chairperson Boivin stated that the committee will review the document one more time and if the Legislature kicks it back to committee again she will suggest that the Legislature work on it themselves.

Bob Lansing stated that another future agenda item he would like to see is the Disability Insurance Policy. Bob stated that the way the policy is now by having

to pay 67% of the person's salary out of your budget it's impossible to hire a person to take over in their absence.

Another issue that was brought up is possibly having a "Tribal Credit Card." Many departments are running into situations where they need a credit card. Bob stated that if he had access to a credit card he could get computers, software etc for a lot cheaper price then using purchase orders.

**7. Other Business-**

After a long discussion, committee decided to make the meeting date on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

Special meeting to discuss the Personnel Policy & Procedures will be held on April 18, 2005 at 3:30 p.m.

**8. Adjournment-**

**Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services